New rail line between Tanur and Guruvayur

*59. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 748, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 2000, and state:

(a) whether the survey report for the new rail line from Tanur to Guruvayur has been examined by the Railway Ministry and requisite clearances given; and

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE); (a) The Survey Report for the new line from Tanur to Guruvayur has been examined in the Railway Ministry. The report has been sent to Planning Commission for appraisal. Further action for obtaining the requisite clearances can be taken only after this appraisal is completed.

(b) The work would be commenced after the requsite clearances become available.

Railway safety policy

*60. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with the increasing incidence of rail collisions, derailments of trains on various sections of Indian Railways, Government have formulated any railway safety policy, enunciating work priorities, to phase out the overaged assets like tracks, coaches, wagons, signals, etc. within a time-bound programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?